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1. JANUARY 26 AS OPENING DATE FOR SESSIONS OF WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE AND COOPERATION COMES TOO SOON FOR ROMANIAN SIDE, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE ADVISES. TRAVELS ABROAD BY MINISTER MICULESCU HAVE LED TO DELAY IN COORDINATION. MEETING BETWEEN MINISTER MICULESCU AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PATAN ON JANUARY 14 WILL DEAL WITH WORKING GROUP SESSIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS. MINISTRY OFFICIALS BELIEVE FIRST OR SECOND WEEK IN FEBRUARY WILL BE PROPOSED FOR USDA CONSIDERATION.
2. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WILL SEND FOUR DELEGATES FROM BUCHAREST, ONE BEING FROM ACADEMY OF AGRONOMY AND ONE EACH COMING FROM DIRECTORATES FOR PLANNING, TRAINING AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. NAMES OF DELEGATES SHOULD BE AVAILABLE ON JANUARY 15, AT SAME TIME AS PROPOSED DATE FOR TALKS.
3. INITIAL REACTION TO SCENARIO GIVEN IN REFTEL HAS BEEN FAVORABLE. ROMANIANS AS EXPECTED NOTED BUT MADE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NO COMMENT ON DATA EXCHANGE PORTION OF TRADE PROTOCOL

PRESENTATION. THEY STILL HOLD OUT HOPES FOR USDA
GOOD OFFICES WITH UNIVERSITIES, IT APPEARS. AGRIBUSINESS
WILL REQUIRE FURTHER EXAMINATION BY ROMANIAN SIDE, AS
CONCEPT CURRENTLY HELD BY AT LEAST ONE OFFICIAL (SECRETARY-
GENERAL COVOR OF ACADEMY OF AGRONOMY) IS BILATERAL
MARKETING OF COMMODITIES (HE CITED AS POSSIBLE EXAMPLE
THE EXPORTING TO THIRD MARKETS OF SUNFLOWERS BY FIRM
SUCH AS NORTHROP-KING). FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THIS
TOPIC WILL NEED TO PRECEDE WASHINGTON TALKS.

4. WILL PROVIDE ROMANIAN DATE PROPOSAL SOONEST.
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